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STATEMENT OF CURRENT NAMED INVENTOR PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R.  
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Director of Patents  
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Sir:

Robert L. Thornton, a current named inventor of the above-described application, hereby states that he is in opposition to amendment of the inventorship of the subject application based on facts of which he is currently aware, and continues to believe the inventorship is accurate as originally filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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